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In re Application of IDE et al
U.S. Application No.: 09/509,768
Int. Application No.: PCT/JP99/04790
Int. Filing Date: 03 September 1999
Attorney Docket No.: 501.38383X00
For: DYNAMO-ELECTRIC MACHINE

DECISION

This is in response to applicant's "Renewed Request for Status under 37 CFR 1.42" filed 20 May 2002.

BACKGROUND

On 03 September 1999, applicant filed international application PCT/JP99/04790. A copy of the international application was communicated to the USPTO from the International Bureau on 15 March 2001. A Demand for international preliminary examination, in which the United States was elected, was filed on 13 October 1999, prior to the expiration of nineteen months from the filing date. Accordingly, the thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired at midnight on 04 March 2002 (03 March 2002 was a Sunday).

On 31 March 2000, applicant filed national stage papers in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US). The submission was accompanied by, *inter alia*, the basic national fee required by 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1) and a declaration executed by seven of the eight joint inventors. The declaration is also executed by an heiress of inventor Mitsunori Yamashina, who according to the declaration is deceased.

On 19 March 2002, this Office mailed a decision dismissing the 31 March 2000 request for status.

On 20 May 2002, applicant filed the present renewed request for status.

DISCUSSION

37 CFR 1.42 provides, "In case of the death of the inventor, the legal representative (executor, administrator, etc.) of the deceased inventor may make the necessary oath or declaration, and apply for and obtain the patent."

In the present case, the declaration filed 31 March 2000 is signed by the legal representative of Mitsunori Yamashina.

CONCLUSION

The declaration filed 31 March 2000 is ACCEPTED under 37 CFR 1.42.

The application has an International Filing Date of 03 September 1999 and a date under 35 U.S.C. 371(c) of 31 March 2000.

This application is being forwarded to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) for further processing in accordance with this decision.



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